

James F. Wong, CPA (Inactive), CEO & Founder, Brilliant™

James “Jim” Wong, CEO of Brilliant™, is a certified public accountant (Inactive) and possesses more than 20 years of experience in the accounting and staffing industries.

In 2009, Jim founded Brilliant, an award-winning search, staffing and management resources firm specializing in the accounting, finance and IT professions. The firm now has three locations: Chicago, Ill.; Schaumburg, Ill.; and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Brilliant’s team of business development and recruiting experts include former Big 4 CPAs, former hiring managers and other seasoned industry professionals. The firm was named the No. 1 fastest-growing company on the Crain’s Fast 50 list in 2015, and has won the Chicago’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® two years in a row – 2014 and 2015.

Prior to founding Brilliant, Wong co-founded and led Chicago's largest independently owned finance and accounting staffing company, which was successfully sold to a NYSE staffing company in 2006. During his tenure, he directed search engagements that inspired client confidence, and set the standard of excellence for firm associates.

Jim graduated from Northern Illinois University (NIU) in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. After passing the CPA exam, Jim joined Ernst and Young where he performed audits for client companies in a variety of industries including manufacturing, real estate, financial services, and insurance. He then joined one of the world's largest accounting and finance recruiting Firms, Robert Half International, becoming an award-winning recruiter and manager. As area branch manager of the Chicago branch, one of the company's largest offices, he managed day-to-day operations and a staff of more than 100.

Wong is an active member of the Illinois CPA Society, the NIU Department of Accountancy Board of Advisors, and a board member of the Northern Illinois Executive Club. He has authored numerous articles about the recruitment and retention of accounting professionals, and was named NIU 2003-2004 Outstanding Young Alumnus.